

language (Nahuatl and Maya) dwelling in the southern portion of the Province of Vera Cruz, Mexico, and parts adjacent.

*Tupis*.—The natives of the eastern area of Brazil, related to the Guaranis of the south and perhaps to the Caribs of the north. The *Lingoa Geral* of Brazil is a corrupt Tupi.

*Yaruris*.—Residents on the upper streams of the Meta river in New Granada, related to the Betoï.

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*Stated Meeting, March 20, 1885.*

Present, 12 members.

Curator, Dr. HORN, in the Chair.

Mr. W. W. Jefferis, a new member, was presented to the Chair, and took his seat.

Donations for the Library were received from the Kaiserliche Akademie der Wissenschaften; Prof. F. Reuleaux, of Vienna; the Zoölogische Anzeiger; the Statistika Central Byrån; the Nordesk Oldkyndighed og Historie Selskab; Mr. Alph. Dubois, of Bruxelles; the Real Academia de la Historia at Madrid; the Instituto y Observatorio de Marina de San-Fernando; the R. Accademia dei Lincei, at Rome; the Société de Géographie, at Paris; the Revue Politique; the Meteorological Council; the Cambridge Philological Society; the Journal of Forestry; London Nature; the Massachusetts Historical Society; the American Philological Association, at Cambridge; the Essex Institute; the American Antiquarian Society, at Worcester; the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences; the American Chemical Journal; the Cornell University; the New Jersey Historical Society; the Franklin Institute; the College of Pharmacy; the Pennsylvania Historical Society; the Commission for the Erection of the Public Buildings of Philadelphia; Mr. Henry Phillips, Jr.; Mr. Burnet Landreth; the Johns Hopkins University; the United States Fish Commission; the United States Geological Survey; the Smithsonian Institu-

tion; the Mercantile Library Association of San Francisco, and the Escola de Minas di Ouro Preto, at Rio de Janeiro.

Acknowledgments for No. 117 were read from the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society; New Bedford Public Library; University of California; Cornell University; Kansas State Historical Society; Dr. Persifor Frazer; Scientific Library, U. S. Patent Office (Transactions XIV, XV, XVI, i); Young Men's Library, Buffalo, N. Y. (Proceedings 96-117; Transactions XIV, XV, XVI, i).

Letters of envoy were read from the Meteorological office (London, England); publishers of Nature (London, England) and the U. S. Geological Survey (Washington, D. C.).

Deaths of the following members were announced:

George Whitney (Philadelphia), born 1815, died March 6, 1885.

Prof. Ellerslie Wallace, M.D. (Philadelphia), born 1819, died March 9, 1885.

Titian R. Peale (Philadelphia), born October 10, 1799, died March 13, 1885.

Frederick Theodore Frerichs (Berlin), born March 14, 1819, died March 14, 1885.

On motion, the President was authorized to appoint suitable persons to prepare obituary notices of said decedents.

A letter was read (dated Philadelphia, March 14th, 1885), from Mr. Thomas Meehan accepting the appointment as Chairman of the Committee on the Michaux legacy; from Mr. Conyers Button (dated Germantown, March 13th, 1885), requesting permission to have a photographic copy made of the portrait of Dr. Joseph Priestley, owned by the Society, which is in the Society's meeting room; likewise one from W. Curtis Taylor, Philadelphia, to the same effect. On motion the request was granted, with the promise that the original be not removed from the Society's possession.

Dr. Daniel G. Brinton read a paper on the Philosophic Grammar of American Languages, as set forth by Wilhelm Von Humboldt.

Dr. Brinton also presented a paper by Dr. H. Rink, of Copen-

hagen, on the recent Danish explorations in Greenland and their significance as to Arctic science in general.

Dr. W. H. Greene presented a paper by Prof. Oscar C. S. Carter, "On the adulterations of oils."

Pending nominations Nos. 1049 to 1054, inclusive, were read.

The rough minutes were read, and the Society adjourned by the presiding member.

*April 3.* This being a public holiday, Good Friday, by direction of the President no notices were issued and no meeting was held.

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*Stated Meeting, April 17, 1885.*

Present, 20 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Prof. John M. Maisch, a newly elected member, was presented to the chair and took his seat.

Donations for the Library were received from the Geological Survey of India; the Académie Impériale des Sciences of St. Petersburg; the Société Impériale des Naturalistes at Moscow; the Magyar Tudományos Akademia at Budapesth; the Deutsche Geologische Gesellschaft, the Physikalische Gesellschaft, the Verein zur Beförderung des Gartenbaus and Dr. Severin. Robinski, of Berlin; the Kaiserlichen Akademie der Wissenschaften at Vienna; the Verein für Erdkunde, the K. Sachsische Gessellschaft der Wissenschaften, the Zoölogischer Anzeiger and E. Von Meyer of Leipzig; the Neues Lausitisches Magazin; the Kaiserliche Leopoldina Carolina Akademie der Deutschen Naturforscher at Halle; the Naturforschende Gesellschaft at Freiburg i B.; M. Clemens Winkler of Freiburg i S.; the Académie Royale and the Musée Royale d'Histoire Naturelle and Rev. A. Renard, of Bruxelles; the